Pursuant to resolutions of the Democratic and Conservative State Executive Committee, this day adopted, a democratic and Conservative State Convention is hereby called to meet

CITY OF PARKERSBURG. On Thursday, May 30, 1872. at 11 o'clock, A. M., to nominate candidates for Governor, four Judges of the Supreme

Court of Appeals, Auditor, Treasurer, Attorney General and State Superintend-

ent of Free Schools. Also to form an elec-

toral ticket, and select delegates to represent the State in the Democratic National Conven-J. W. GALLAHER, JAS. M. JACKSON, T. B. KLINE, JOHN BASSEL, A. E. SUMMERS,

W. H. HOGENAN.

LEWIS BAKER. CHARLESTON, April 4th, 1872. Democratic and Conservative County Convention.

The Democratic and Conservative veters of Jefferson County are requested to meet in their respective Townships, on Saturday, the 18th day of May, and cleet Delegates to a County Convention, to assemble in Charlestown on

Saturday, the 25th day of May, at 11 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose choosing representatives of the county in the State Convention which will meet at Parkersburg on Thursday, the 30th of May, at 11 o'clock, "to nominate candidates for Governor, four Judges of the Supreme Court of Appeals, Auditor, Treasurer, Attorney Ganeral, and State Superintendent of Free Schools, and also to form an Electoral Ticket and select Delegates to represent the State in the Democratic National Convention." Also, to appoint Delegates to a Convention to nominste a candidate to represent the Senatorial District composed of Berkeley, Jefferson and Morgan counties, in the State Senate.

It is hoped the people will give proper attention to this important matter. JAS. LAW. HOOFF.

Chm'n. Co. Ex. Com. April 30, 1872.

COUNTY CONVENTION.

As will be seen, the Chairman of the Jefferson County Democratic and Conservative Executive Committee has issued a call for Township Meetings to elect delegates to a County Convention to be held on Saturday, May 25th, the duties of which Convention will be to select representatives for the county in the State Convention at Parkersburg, and also in a District Convention. These primary meetings-which are really the controlling levers of all after operations in our political system-are often too much neglected by the mass of voters. A few attend, delegates are elected, and in County Convention choose the candidates of the party; and then, after the work is done, somebody, who never so much as entered a township meeting, is ready to Let every voter make it a point to attend his township meeting, see that it is conducted fairly, and select the best and truest men of the party to represent your township in the County Convention, and our word for it, you will be satisfied with their action, whatever it may be.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION.

We present to our readers, in this issue, a considerable portion of the official copy of the proposed new Constitution for the State of West Virginia. The remainder of it we will give in successive numbers, until completed. This is a most important document, and should receive the attentive and careful parusal of every voter in the State. Our comments thereon we defer to future issues, in which we hope to show to our readers the meritorious points of the new instrument and its vast superiority over the old.

SHEN. VALLEY RAILROAD.

In another column we give to our readers the Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Shenandonh Valley Railroad Company. As everything in regard to the operations of this Company is of vital interest to our people, we do not deem an apology necessary for the space it eccupies, but recommend it to their careful consideration.

A circular dated Washington, April 18th, signed by General H. A. Barnum, commander of the Grand Aardy of the Republic from New York State, General Judson Kilpatrick, of New Jersey, and General W. F. Bartlett, of Massachusetts, has been put forth suggesting that a soldiers' and sailors' convention be held in New York in May next, to formally call upon the Philadelphia convention to nominate a candidate other than President Grant.

The Baltimore American, characterizes the recent performances of the Radicals in Convention in that city as "the most disgraceful scene ever enacted in a deliberative body," and adds that "this may be Republicanism, but it is of such a character that respectable people are being steadily driven away from participation in the party organization.' This is very rough on the faithful, but it is nevertheless true.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION .-St., Louis April 23 .- A meeting of promiment gentlemen to-night adopted a resolution extending an invitation to the Democratio National Executive Committee to hold the National Convention in this city, and appointed a committee to correspond with the National Committee and make arrangements if zecessary.

A Cincinnati despatch states that August Belmont is there, and has expressed his upon for President.

SHEN. VALLEY RAILROAD.

We lay before our readers the subjoined Report of the Directors of the Shenandoah Valley Railroad Company which we cordially commend to their careful perusal: OFFICE OF SHEN. VALLEY R. R. Co.,

PHILADELPHIA, April 8, 1872. T. N. Ashby, Esq., etc., Front Royal, Va. My DEAR SIR :- I herewith enclose the Annual Report, for the consideration of the Board and presentation to the Stockholders. I regret that I could not be present at your meeting, but my ongagements are such that it is utterly out of the question. Very Truly Yours,

THOMAS A. SCOTT, President of S. V. R. R. Co.

Report of the Board of Directors of the Shenandoah Vulley Railroad Company. PHILADELPHIA, April 9th, 1872.

The Directors in presenting their Second Annual Report, deem it expedient to explain the reasons for the slight progress that has been made in the construction of the Road since the last annual meeting.

It will be remembered that a contract for construction was made with the Contral Improvement Company on satisfactory terms but under that contract the Railroad Company were required to secure the right-of-way .-This the Company were unable to do in consequence of the excessive prices demanded by land owners, and the contractors for the worl were thus seriously embarrassed and delayed. To have complied with these demands would have absorbed a large part of the funds provided and required for construction, and the contractors were under no obligations to make

advances for said purposes. The present Board, after their organiza-tion, became satisfied that it would be much more to the advantage of the Company to proceed with the construction of the road continuously from its northern terminus instead of at an intermediate point. They could discover no advantage in first building the expensive portion of the line to Luray, when a smaller expenditure would construct the whole division from the Potomac to Front Royal, and bring it into connection with roads lead-

ing to Philadelphia and New York. Influenced by these considerations the Board ordered the discontinuance of work in Warren and Page counties, where about fifteen miles had been graded, and a transfer of the forces to Jefferson and Clarke counties.

It was expected that this transfer would be made promptly, but no sooner was it known this work was to be commenced in these counties, than a similar disposition to exact excessive land damages was shown. The Railroad Company having failed to secure the right-ofway, the contractors could do nothing. At last a compromise was effected; the Company agreed to pay a certain sum, and citizens of Shepherdstown, with public spirit and liberality that cannot be too highly commended generously volunteered to contribute the residue necessary to clear the right of way through

a great portion of the county of Jefferson.

In Clarke county but little difficulty was sperienced. The agents who took the work hand proved active and efficient, and the Commissioners when called upon to decide, discharged their duties fairly and equitably. So that at last after causing almost a year's delay, these vexatious questions may be considered as settled and the chief obstacle to the rapid construction of the Road removed.

The whole Road between the Potomac River at Shepherdstown and the intersection with the Manassas Gap Railroad, near Front oyal, is now in progress of construction and will no doubt be completed at an early period. It is believed that the resources of the Company will suffice to grade the entire Road, from the Potomac to Luray, provided, that no pertion of its means shall be absorbed in payment for land damages in Warren and Page counties; your Board recommend that the bolt and fly the track. Let this be changed. Hine between Front Royal and Luray be put under contract as soon as right-of-way shall have been secured, but that no work be done thereupon until that is accomplished.

In view of the great appreciation in the value of property that must result from the construction of this Road, it is believed that the citizens of Warren and Page counties will meet the question in a liberal spirit, and if a few individuals should refuse the right of way, it is hoped that either by private subscription, or as at Shepherdstown, by a general tax, a sufficient sum will be raised in each county to provide the right-of-way without cost to the Company.

When the line shall have been graded be-

tween Shepherdstown and Luray, no difficulty is apprehended in providing means, by an issue of bonds, to lay the track and extend the grading to the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, at Stauston.

The line between Luray and Staunton bas been surveyed, but not finally located; a considerable portion of it can be graded at very moderate expense, but a section of about twelve miles, near the Shenandoah Iron Works requires further and careful examination to determine the best route. The location should be made as soon as practicable, and construction commenced.

It is believed that the entire line to Staupton can be completed in two years. Before the end of the present year, 1872, the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad will be completed to the Ohio River, and your Road by this connection expects to secure a large through business passing to and from New York, Philadelphia and other northern cities. It is expected that the Cumberland Valley Railroad Company will make the necessary connections south of the Potomac without expense to this

The Shenandeah Valley, as is well known, possesses a soil naturally equal to that of Lancaster and Cumberland Counties in Pennsylvania, while the climate is superior for all agricultural products. These advantages, with the comparative low price of lands, must stimulate immigration to a great extent, and develop in a few years a large business for the Road in live stock and the products of the soil. A still heavier tonnage, however, will be thrown, upon the Road by the development of the mineral resources of the county Beds of the richest homatite ores extend over many miles. Anthracite coal can be brought down over the Cumberland Valley Railroad; and ere blooms and pig metal returned, thus furnishing loading for cars in both directions and yielding a large profit to the company even at very low rates of transportation .-Bitaminous coal and coke can also be bought from the line of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad.

The success of railroad enterprise where circumstances have been far less favorable for the development of trade and travel, affords a guarantee that, with the large through and local resources of the Shenaudoah Valley R. R., the line between the Potomac River and Staunton, even without further extension. will not only pay the interest on its bonded debt, but also, in a reasonable time, fair dividends upon its stock.

EOUTHWESTERN EXTENSION.

Although the Shenandoah Valley portion f the line, for reasons previously stated, canpreference for Adams as a candidate to unite | western extension from Jackson's Run, Virnot fail to be remunerative, yet it is the southginia to Russelvillo, Tennessee, that will opposite side.

throw upon the Road by far the greatest volume of trade and travel, by developing valuable resources and establishing through connections with the lines running to Mobile, Jackson, Memphijs and New Orleans.

The Chief Engineer General Haupt, has completed an experimental survey and sub-mitted an approximate estimate of cost, which confirms the results of the reconnoissance of the previous year. The distance from Jack. son's Run to Russelville is found to be 233 miles, of which nearly 200 miles approximate to a surface line; and the heavy work will not exceed altogether 40 miles, the heaviest being on the Alleghany division, between Jackson's Run and New River, and consisting of 11 miles on Potts Creek and 9 miles on Big Stony Creek-in all 20 miles. General Haupt reports that the cost of grading and bridging this whole division (61 miles) will not exceed one-third the cost of the corresponding division of the Chesapeake and Ohio R. R. (64 miles).

The line is unusually free from tunnels and bridges, the ruling maximum gradient ascending eastward, will be thirty feet to the mile, using assistant engines only at two points, viz., four miles at the summit at the head of the Holstin River, and ten miles ascending from New River. The line traverses, or is in close proximity, to Limestone Valleys throughout its entire extent. It passes thro' the whole length, fifteen miles of the Gypsum deposit of Southwest Virginia, the only one of great extent in the United States, and also for twenty miles through the deposit of variegated marble of East Tennessee. It passes the salt works of Saltville, the capacity of which is estimated ten millions of bushels per annum; iron ores of high grade abound on the line; the lumber is of superior quality and of every variety, and the live stock business must be very large. The coal is reached by a branch leaving the main line either at Rocky Gap or the mouth of Wolf Creek.

In view of the importance of this Southwest extension the Board recommend that active measures be taken to procure the right of way and grounds for shops and depots and also county, and local subscriptions, and they trust that the people of that section of the State will act in such a liberal spirit as to insure its early completion.

By order of the Board, THOMAS A. SCOTT, President.

The Washongton Depot Site.

The Senate Committee on the District of Columbia held a meeting on the 15th instant, and heard an argument by President Garrett. of the Baltimore and Ohio road, against the passage of the House bill granting the grounds at Sixth and B streets, Washington, to the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company for a depot. We regret that we have not space for the whole discussion, but give

place to the following. In the course of his

remarks, Mr. Garrett said :--I have no desire to criticise, except that it becomes a duty, as the effort has been made to control this whole subject by surrounding it with untenable charges and prejudice against the Baltimore and Ohio company .-The tariffs of the Northern Central company exceed those of the Washington Branch. The charges by this Washington Branch have been uniformly moderate and reasonable, its business has been attended to with diligence. care, and promptness, whilst its passensers have been carried with singular success and safety. When the Potomac river was blocked during the war the Baltimore and Ohio company, to aid the citizens of Washington in distributing provisions, fuel, &c., sent carts and horses and men from Baltimore, without any charge whatever. It acted liberally and effectively for the interests of this community. Mr. Cameron. You sent your locomotive

and cars to the Valley of Virginia to prevent carrying our troops here. Mr. Garrett. I have heretofore, and on marked eccasions, corrected your misstatements on this subject. You must remember that the President of the Baltimore and Ohio company was fully vindicated in a discussion with yourself before the Secaetary of the Treasury, now Chief Justice Chase, and that the Governor of Ohio, (Governor Denison.) not only distinctly endorsed, but approved and expressed his appreciation of our action in reference to the transportation of the troops. In reference to our locomotives and cars in Virginia, only such were there as were in the regular course of business, and I tak leave to say that I have always been convinced that the engines and cars of the Baltimore and Ohio company lost and destroyed in Virginia were lost through the inefficient management of the War Department, under your administration.

burnt our bridges on the Northern Central Mr. Garrett. People in the vicinity of your road burnt your bridges. In reference to the 6th Massachusetts regiment, on the 19th of April, when all the officers of your road abandoned their posts, those of the Baltimore and Ohio company performed their duty without regard to peril. The president and officers of the company personally managed the trains, and secured their safe and

successful transportation from our station to

Mr. Cameron. Your Baltimore people

Washington. Now, sir, this gentleman is a Senator. In the Senate he fulminates his antagonisms to the Baltimore and Ohio company, and therefore it is proper to take this opportunity to present those facts. The Baltimore and Ohio company asks justice; nothing else; only the liberty to serve the public on equal terms with a rival road. Will not obtaining equality be beneficial to the public? Look at the opening of the Connellsville road. A reduction of twenty-eight per cent. in the cost of freight between Pittsburg and Baltimore was at ouce secured. You will find, when the Metropolitan road is completed, similar results will follow.

WESTERN MARYLAND RAILBOAD .- The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Western Maryland Railroad was held yesterday at the office of the company, on North Calvert street. No business of special public interest was transacted. The track is now laid to within one and a quarter miles of Hagerstown, and last week the work was begun on the heavy sections beyond Hagerstown. Except at Hagerstown and its immediate vicinity, and at Williamsport, the grading will be comparatively light, and the work will be pushed as rapidly as possible. As yet the right of way through Hagerstown has not been obtained, but a jury has been ordered to condemn the right through a farm and a house which will be required.

Bult. Gazette, 24th. FATAL LOCOMOTIVE BOILER EXPLOSION. Parkersburg W. Va., April 23 .- On the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, yesterday, an engine of the way freight train east exploded her boiler near this place, instantly killing the engineer, Milton Parker, and fireman, Daniel Nelson, and injuring Michael Egan, brakeman, so seriously that he died in a few hours. The boiler was thrown three hundred and fifty feet. Three cars were thrown into the creek on one side of the bank, the tender and running gear of the engine remaining on the Letter from West Virginia.

In the Chambersburg, Pa., Vally Spirit of last week, we find the following :-CHARLESTOWN, W. VA., April 20, 1872. Messrs. Editors: The good people of West Virginia begin to feel as if an era of prosperity was drawing upon their young mountain Commonwealth. The Convention it will be submmitted to the people in August for ratification or rejection. There is not much doubt of its ratification by a very handsome majority of the popoular vote .-There are many and serious objections to the present organic law; nor is it strange that a constitution framed at the time, and under the circumstances, should be a tissue of blunders and mistakes. The present constitution appears to be a sort of patch-work, made up of the most objectional features of the different State constitutions. We have now a prospect for something better.

In addition to the favorable change in governmental affairs, we have other causes for congratulation. Railroads are springing up, turnpikes are being made and a better system of agriculture is being adopted. In fact, our people begin to realize that they have everything-soil, water-power, proximity to the seaboard; and last but not least-the brains to make this beautiful Shonandoah Valley one of the most wealthy, presperous and attracive spots on this continent.

The Shenandoalı Valley Railroad, beginning at Shepherdstown on the Potomac, and passing through this place is destined to become the great through line from New York to New Orleans. This road is being constructed now, and will make connection with the Cumberland Valley road. You Chambersburg folks can't help feeling interested in the success of this enterprise, as you will be on the line of this great national thoroughfare.

Now is the time to buy lands, during the tem, orary depression in prices; and I would advise all having a desire to obtain farms to avail themselves of the present opportunity. Jefferson county offers as many inducements to this class as any other county in the State. There is now an opportunity to invest so as to double the money in from five to ten years. Lands are not held at half the rates here as in Franklin county, and yet Jefferson is much better located with respect to Eastern markets. Wheat always commands from ten to fifteen cents per bushel more than in Chambersburg or Shippensburg. The market for small things is also better-such as potatoes, butter, fruit, &c. Now is the time to secure good homes at a low rate.

We have never known the streams to be as low as at this season of the year. The wheat is beginning to put on a cheering look and we hope to see a good crop. As ever, OGLETHORPE.

We cordially second the invitation of "Oglethorpe," and invite the good and true men of the Cumberland Valley to immigrate to this county. Whilst we have no use for and but little consolation to give miserable, prying carpet-baggers; yet we extend the right hand of fellowship to every honest Northern man, who comes among us with the intention of identifying himself with the interests of our community, and aiding in developing our resources and building up our waste places. We have a number of such already in our county, and there is yet room for many more.

THE LEESBURG POISONING CASE-The Pisoner in Her Cell .- From the Leesburg Mirror of last week we copy the following :-The prisoner is comfortably quartered in her coll on the first floor of the jail - and appears to be perfectly resigned to her imprisonment. Her apartment is well furnished with her own furniture, while a few pictures hung upon the rough walls, and two or three flowers growing in the window, serve to relieve the room of much of its gloom, and lend to it an air of comparative comfort. The prisoner seems cheerful—converses with calmness and apparent composure-speaks warmly of the treatment she receives at the hands of those who have her in charge, and says, now that she is in jail, she has NO DESIRE TO BE BAILED. That if released upon bail, and in her own house, she would have no disposition to go out, and does not therefore, feel that she is any more a prisoner where she is; besides in her present quarters, she is quiet, and relieved from hearing much that would pro-

bably be disagreeable, were she elsewhere. We have thus far given the facts in this case, with such incidents as we suppose would be interesting to the public, without expressing any opinion as to the guilt of the prisoner .-The circumstances attending the entire transaction have woven a dark cloud, that now rests with portentious fury over her head; yet it is possible, that the penetrating eye of the law may peer through the accumulated mists, and in so doing purify the moral atmosphere of the taint that rendered investigation a necessity. Until then, let us not judge too harshly, but endeavor to exercise towards the unfortunate woman-who, if even guilty, we are bound to pity,—those cardinal virtues "Faith, Hope and Charity."

MRS. MARGARET J. PRESTON.-We take great pleasure in transferring to our columns the following article from the Charleston Courier of the 16th ultimo:

Honor to a Southern Writer in England .-Recently the Premier, Mr. Gladstone, referring to the recovery from the late almost fatal illness of the Prince of Wales, adduced as one proof of American sympathy in his behalf the beautiful poem called "Sandringham." composed by a Southern poetess, par excel-lence, Mrs. Margaret J. Preston, of Lexington, Va., which he styled a "poem of extraordinary merit." Soon after, the editor of the London Cosmopolitan, who had republished "Sandringham" from the columns of the New York Albion, came out with the following paragraph:

"We are sure," he said, "that it will gratify Mrs. Preston, of Virginia, to be informed that His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, has written us a letter of thanks for republishing her beautiful poem, 'Sandringham,' in the Cosmopolitan." Such honors to a Southern woman of genius should delight every patriot in our section, and be noticed by our press everywhere.

- The shock of an earthquake is reported at Ashland, Hanover Co., Thursday night, between 8 and 9 o'clock. In Fredericksburg, at the time indicated, we had one of the severest flashes of lightning, and heaviest claps of thunder seen or heard for years. The thunder must have jarred the Ashlanditesthat's all .- Fredericksburg Herald.

Mount Vesuvius is reported to be in a state of violent eruption, and to present a scene of unwonted grandeur. Naples is crowded with visitors, and tourists are arriving from all parts of Europe to witness the spec-

James O'Neill has just been released from the Rhode Island State prison, having, after eight years' incarceration been proved

[For the Spirit of Jefferson] The Tax on Bar-Rooms.

We question the expediency and deny the right of those who lavy taxes to discriminate against Bar-keepers.

In the first place, as to the expediency.

Selling whiskey by the drink, whatever may be the case, in Europe, in this country has adjouned and the constitution framed by it will be subministed to the people in Anguer and the solution framed by thuch so as selling calloo or hardware. And of all vocations it is the one that should be conducted by right minded men-of respectability and character who are disposed to do what is right. But this class of men will not engage in a business at which they must cheat and trick to make money; hence if an exorbitant and unjust tax be imposed on Barrooms they will fall into the hands of a parcel of thieves and cut-throats who will seek to make money by evading the law-men whose rascality is their only capital. They are not here now, why should we invite them.

The Bar-keepers of this town, as a class, are unusually respectable; there are men here engaged in this business as respectable as any who pay a tax or east a vote, and we don't want the trade to fall into less worthy hands. These mea sell whisky because they find it a profitable field of industry; but, tax them more heavily than you do any other class and you inevitably drive respectability out of the

'Tis a maxim among Bar-keepers that, "the more respectable the Bar, the greater the profits." Peddling poison, by stealth, to a drunken outcast in a dark hole ten feet under ground, is one thing-selling a glass of wine to a gentleman in a well regulated saloon, is another, and they differ as widely as night does from day, and the theory of crushing the trade by taxing it to death will not break it up, but will transfer it to the hands of bad men unfit for the business.

The occupation of Bar-keeper, per se, (of itself) is respectable enough. Who dares reprobate the trade of the "wholesale dealer in fine liquors." Yet, if it be wrong to sell whisky by the gill, why is it not four times as wrong to sell it by the pint; if it be wrong to sell it by the gallon, why is it not forty times worse to sell by the barrel. * * * *

But as the law stands who has the right to say the taxes shall discriminate against Barkeepers. Taxes are imposed for the sake of revenue,-not to regulate morals. The State levies a tax to get money to carry on the government; the county levies a tax to build bridges, make roads, &c., but it is no part of the duty of a tax gatherer to regulate and conserve the public merals-the penal laws do that. You don't hang a murderer to raise money to build a bridge; you don't fine a rogue to increase the revenue-the fine is n punishment. Hence the scheme of shifting the rate of taxation to conserve and elevate public morals is utterly fallacious and will result in no good. A tax assessor, is one thing, the president of a temperance society is another-and our laws don't unite them.

The writer is as much opposed to drunkenness as any one, and will go as far as any to check its growth, but he believes this onerous taxation, is a step in the wrong direction. It would be wiser to compel Bar-keepers to sell only the best and purest liquous.

INCIPIENT CONSUPTION .- The symptoms which precede Consumption are mostly of an insidious character, but quite marked enough to indicate to the intelligent physician what course of treatment ought to be followed in order to prevent its full development. If these earlier monitors were heeded, Consumption, as a wide spread and devastating disease, would be almost unknown. Dr. KEYSER'S LUNG CURE, in all recent attacks, will clepso the morbid poison from the system and restore that circle of life which is too valuable to be estimated by mere dollars and cents .-How many cases are there like that of Mr. Irvin, published below, which, if treated like his, would soon get well:

DR. KEYSER: You have asked my opinion about your cough medicine, and I can cheerfully say that I have used your PECTORIAL Syrup on one occasion during last spring .-I thought at one time that I was surely going to have some serious pulmonary disease, as I coughed up large quantities of matter. I found my disease would not yield to anything else, as I had tried various remedies, and after the first dose of your PECTORAL I received quite a relief, and I had not used a whole bottle until I was entirely cured.

JAMES IRVIN. No. 203 Third Avenue. DR. KEYSER'S LUNG CURE is sold at \$1.50 per bottle, at his medical office, 167 Liberty street, Pittsburgh. If your druggist dees not keep it, remit \$5 to Dr. Keyser and he will send it by express. Pamphlet on Chronic Lung Diseases sent wherever it is wanted by

A proposition is now on foot to invite Jefferson county to unite with Berkeley in her Agricultural and Mechanical Association, and change the name to "Berkeley and Jefferson Agricultural and Mechanical Associa-The idea is a good one. The intertion." ests of the two counties are similar. Jofferson has no society of the kind, and now that the Berkeley society is on the high road to success, it would be a rather hazardous undertaking for Jefferson to attempt to establish one of her own. But if her people would unite with us, they would at once have all the advantages of a Society already owing property worth \$15,000 or 20,000, and with as fair prospects before it as any Association of the kind in the country. We trust our Jefferson neighbors will give the matter favorable consideration .- Martinsburg Era.

DEATH OF A PROMINENT VIRGINIAN .-Col. Henry L. Hopkins died in Warren county, North Carolina, on 14th instant, in the 65th year of his age. He represented his native county, Powhstan, in the House of Delegates in 1849-,51, and was elected Speaker of that body. He discharged the duties of the position with marked dignity and ability. Some years after his retirement from public life. Col. Hopkins removed to the city of Petersburg, where we practiced law. In politics he was a decided Democrat, but in 1860 he identified himself with the Douglas wing of that party. He was a high-toned, conscientious-gentleman, and commanded the respect of all who knew him .- Richmond Whig.

If any one in this community or in this county desires to insure in the Hartford Life and Annuity Company, for which Mr. John L. Schilling of Harper' Ferry is Agent, he will be pleased to call and see them on receiving such information by mail.

In The Publisher's Association of this State meets at Wheeling, on Thursday next.

SODA WATER! SODA WATER!! WILL have for the use of the suffering commu-nity this delightful beverage, pure and cold, from the lat day of May to the lat of October. I use the best material for charging the fountain, and also have the Syrups pure and fresh. Come and try it. It is the best in the country. Fourteen try it. It is the best in the country. Fourteen tickets for \$1.

Sort of Syrups: Lemon, Pine Apple, Strawberry, Orange, Banana, Sarsaparilla, Arquet, and all others. Syphon bottles for family use. Soda Water sent to any private house in the county.

Prepared and sold by

April 30, 1872.

GEO. T. LIGHT

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On Tuesday, March 28th, at the residence of the bride's lather, by Rev. W. S. Peniek, Mr. JAMES P. STALEY, of this county, to Mis MARY ARA-BELLA TABLER, of Berkeley county.

In Dubuque county, lowar, on the 2d inst., by the Rev. Dr. Lloyd, Hon. R. B. 192KWOOD, of Spring Hill, near Worthington, to Mrs. MARY &. CHAPLINE, willow of the late Charles J. Chapline, of this county. DIED.

At the residence of her parents, in Middleway, on Monday, April 22d, 1872, Miss ANNA R. MYERS, daughter of John G and Susan Myers, in the 22d

MARRIED.

daughter of John G and Susan Myers, in the 22d year of her age.

Anna was a sweet and gentle-spirited girl. Her loveliness of character attached to her troops of friends, and all, old and young, knew her but to love her, and uamed her only in praise. She was the universal favorite of the village in which she lived and died, and the large and deeply affected company on the occasion of her funeral attests the love borne her by ali. To her naturally meek and lovely character religion had added its many charms, and hers was a life of true devotion to her Savior and his Church, and a faithful exemplification of His principles in her practice. To wait upon God's ministers was her delight—to be in the Sabbath School her pleasure; to go up to the sanctuary to eing Zion's aweet songs and hear the word preached, her happiness. For many months she had been ripening for the final change—slowly and surely disease had made its inreads upon her body, in all, aweet resignation to her Heavenly Father's will showed itself, and through suffering she was perfected for the glory beyond. She gave abundant evidence to dear, weeping friends, that she was fit for the Master's use below or above. She calmly spoke of celebrating her birth-day, which was a little beyond, in Heaven. She has passed away in the full springtide of life—she rests in Heaven.—She has entered upon her reward. May we all meet the "over there."

On the 22d inst., at the residence of Mr. Joseph H. Kanode, in this county, Mrs. ELIZABETH

her "over there."

On the 22d inst., at the residence of Mr. Joseph H. Kanode, in this county, Mrs. ELIZABETH HEFFLEBOWER, relict of David Hefflebower, of Hampshire county, W. Va., aged 74 years. At his residence, near Johnston's Factory in this county, on the 18th inst., Mr. PETER LANGDON, aged 84 years, 8 months and 3 days.

On the 18th inst., at his residence in Martine-burg, Mr. THOMAS NOAKES. In the Weston Asylum, on the 12th inst., Mr. JOHN LASHORN, of Martinsburg, aged 42 years.

FOR THE SHERIFFALTY. A CARD.

RESPECTFULLY announce myselfasa Candidate for the Sherifally of Jefferson County. I am in the field free and independent, and if I meet the approval of the people at the polls on the fourth Thursday in August next, I promise a faithful performance of the duties of the office. If elected, I will then announce my Deputies.

RICHARD B. WASHINGTON.

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